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1. DOT AND MARAD ARE ENCOURAGED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING, AND ARE APPRECIATIVE OF SCIENCE OFFICE EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD. REQUEST SCIOFF PASS THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO DUBCHAK, MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE, WITH COPIES TO MAGNAGASHEV AND ISHCENKO, SCST.

2. 05.0502 OCTOBER 22, 1976

V. KH. DUBCHAK

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CHIEF, TECHNICAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE FLEET
MOSCOW, USSR

DISCUSSIONS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF AND THE SCIENCE OFFICER OF THE U.S. EMBASSY HAVE MADE PROGRESS TOWARD A SUITABLE AGENDA FOR THE PROSPECTIVE U.S. DELEGATION VISIT TO THE USSR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF MARINE PANEL 2 (ICE TRANSITING VESSELS). IN

THIS REGARD, THE MEETING AGENDA NOW INCLUDES A PRESENTATION ON ICE SENSING AND A VISIT TO THE LENINGRAD ARCTIC/ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE FOR DISCUSSION OF THE NANSEN DRIFT PROJECT. I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT WE CANNOT BE AFFORDED A VISIT TO EITHER THE SIBIR OR ARTIKA ON THIS OCCASION, AND I HOPE THAT SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY WILL BE PROVIDED LATER. AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE SHIPBOARD VISIT, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE DISCUSSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS:
"MODELING ICEBREAKER HULL RESISTANCE," BASED UPON A U.S. PRESENTATION, AND "ADVANCED PROPULSION SYSTEMS FOR ICEBREAKERS" BASED ON A SOVIET PRESENTATION.

IF YOU AGREE TO THE ABOVE ADDITIONS, WE WILL PROCEED TO REASSEMBLE THE DELEGATION AND SEND YOU THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SINCE WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED SCHEDULING PROBLEMS AMONG THE DELEGATION MEMBERS IN SELECTING NEW DATES, I PROPOSE WE PLAN THE VISIT FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 5-12. THE DELEGATION COULD REMAIN IN THE USSR TWO ADDITIONAL DAYS AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM.

PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR COMMENT ON THE ABOVE PLANS AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

M. PITKIN
MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

3. FYI. IF SOVIETS AGREE TO ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTED IN PARA. 1 OF PITKIN LETTER ABOVE, THE AGENDA FOR USDEL VISIT WOULD THEN BE:
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U.S. PRESENTATIONS:

1. REMOTE ICE SENSING
2. NANSEN ICE DRIFT--VISIT TO ARCTIC/ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE
3. ICE MODELING AND COMPRESSION FORCES
4. MODELING ICE BREAKER HULL RESISTANCE

USSR PRESENTATIONS:

1. SERVICING SHIPS IN PORTS AND THROUGH NARROWS UNDER
WINTER CONDITIONS
2. ADVANCED PROPULSION DESIGN FOR ICEBREAKERS
3. DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF INLAND WATERWAYS
MINISTRY OF RUSSIAN REPUBLIC OF THE MARITIME RIVER FLEET.
END FYI. KISSINGER

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